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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 1st, 1871.

SHIRAZI once observed of the GREENVILLE administration, that it formed the only instance of a Ministry, who not only ran the head against a wall, but actually built itself a wall for the purpose of running its head against it. If the GREENVILLE administration has hitherto been alone in this line of diplomacy, it has at all events found a humble imitator in the little Government of Hongkong. It would indeed be difficult to find anything more laughable, if it were not also very melancholy, than the recent collapse (for it is nothing less) of the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S pleading in defence of his action with regard to the charge, which in spite of all opinion and evidence to the contrary, he insists in stating was brought against the REGISTRAR-GENERAL. Mr. ARDEN has surely passed a large enough portion of his life in the Colonial Service to see the evil of over-impetuosity in an official, and particularly in one who holds the second office in the Government in a given Colony. If he has not learned the lesson which experience ought to have taught him, it is unfortunate for all concerned. There, however, is another case by means of which Experience would fortify her argument in demonstration of the truth which she strives to enforce. In this case, the impetuosity of the Government has carried them beyond the bounds of even Government logic. That fact is to be inferred with certainty from the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S own admissions. We say nothing of Mr. SMITH'S action in the matter, because while that gentleman has no excuse for forgetting official propriety in the face of his youth in the service, he appears to have acted in a becoming manner after the first transport of indignation had passed away. At all events, he took no prominent part in the subsequent misadventures in which the COLONIAL SECRETARY was the ostensible chief bungler. The first mistake made by the last-mentioned officer was the threat of prosecution against the originator of the "charge," but that mistake even might have been condoned as a piece of forgetfulness, if calm reflection had resulted in wiser action. There would appear to have been nothing resembling calm reflection in the matter. On the contrary, he headed as the opening of the campaign may have been, it has altogether been followed by the blind and rash haste of the succeeding movements. An itching in both hands to be at Mr. RYAN, at once resulted in that remarkable letter to that member of Council, which he and the public looked on as a threat, but which we have the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S word for it was only meant as a notice. It is probable that the COLONIAL SECRETARY has vague ideas on the subject of "meaning," but at all events it is quite clear that he desires the letter to be looked upon now as a mere notice of the intended action of the Government. But whether notice or threat, that letter amounts to very much the same folly. For take it simply as a statement of the intention of the Government to call upon Mr. RYAN for a substantiation of his words, what does the letter become? Simply the announcement of a very foolish intention. For, by the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S own admission, afterwards, Mr. RYAN could not be called upon to substantiate a single word he uttered. In the courteous language of Mr. ARDEN, the hon. member "might slander anyone." But though there was no power to call upon him, there was the expedient of requesting Mr. RYAN to withdraw the "charge," and it seems odd that this was not earlier resorted to. It is not to be expected when you hold a pistol to a man's head, and finding that he will not go off, request him to do something to oblige you, that he will feel very much inclined to do so. Mr. RYAN being "called upon" to clear up the obfuscation in Government intellects with regard to a very simple question, was not likely when the "calling upon" him failed, to yield to a request which ought to have been preferred before. This is the most ludicrous point in the whole matter, and it may safely be said that no such point could have arisen had there been a lawyer in the Government ranks possessing a few grains of common sense. An Acting Attorney-General, who holds that the Legislative Council has nothing to do with reports, and who thinks Mr. RYAN should withdraw a question because he and three other gentlemen thought it a charge, is precisely the person to advise the Government in such a manner as to lodge them in the dilemma in which they are now placed, that is, practically declaring that Mr. RYAN was deliberately permitted to use at the Council for neither Governor nor Secretary thought of stopping him—what he is deliberately called upon to apologise for as a charge out of the Council. According to the Government's own showing, Mr. RYAN'S question was quite in order, until Mr. SMITH did what the official minutes call "replying with vehemence, and what people generally call losing his temper. Then, and then only, did they feel an irresistible impulse to run their heads against something; and Mr. SMITH having suggested the material, they proceeded to build up this wonderful wall of an imaginary "charge." The result is that they have in their eagerness been guilty of the breach of privilege, which will be protested against at the Council meeting to-day; and for the interests of Hongkong, it is sincerely to be hoped that the non-official members will continue in the same line of temperate, but firm, opposition, to this attempt to put down public discussion, which they have up to the present successfully adopted.

The following notice has been sent to the various Chambers of Commerce—
 Inasmuch as the Harbour of Port Canton, at the mouth of the River of Canton, has not attracted trade, and has not answered the purpose for which the harbour was established, notice is hereby given to all merchants, shipowners, and shipmasters trading to Bengal that—
 From the 15th October, 1871, or from such day after that date as may be convenient, all harbour establishments will, under the orders of the Executive Council, be withdrawn from Port Canton, the moorings and buoys in the river Mutiah will be taken up, and Port Canton will no longer be maintained as a British Indian Port. The Executive Council, by a long way, has the honour to the River Mutiah will, under further notice, be maintained for the convenience of ships and vessels trading in the Bay of Bengal.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,
 O. BERNARD,
 Off. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.
 30th September, 1871.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

SPECIAL TO "DAILY PRESS."
 SHANGHAI, October 31st.
 The Scotch crew beat the English Eight in the Regatta.

The French Mail steamer has arrived.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. C. F. A.

SANGSTER.

The Choir of St. John's Cathedral have performed a graceful act in presenting the above-named gentleman, who, after efficiently performing the duties of organist for over eleven years, is to proceed home for a time by the mail steamer to leave to-day, with a testimonial accompanied by the signed address. We are confident that the kind expressions will be endorsed not only by the whole of the congregation, but that all who have known Mr. Sangster either privately or in his public position at the Registrar-General's office, and have experienced his constant courtesy and his willingness to be of service to his fellow residents, will join in wishing him a prosperous journey, and through enjoyment of his well-earned leave of absence.

HONGKONG.

Reading, 31st October, 1871.

TO C. F. A. SANGSTER, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—We, the Choir of St. John's Cathedral, ask your acceptance of the memento which accompanies this letter, as a memorial of the duties we have passed through together.

We cannot but feel that these duties have been rendered additionally laborious to you by the great and exceptional difficulties which necessarily attend the conduct of a Church, the conservation of an organ, in a place like this; and we take this opportunity of recording our sense of the unwearied patience and perseverance, which no less than your own kindness and ready knowledge, have enabled you to overcome these obstacles to an extent that few ever anticipated.

"That the service of God should be performed decently and in order, be that it should be the best of the Community has to offer, is, we consider, the very essence of devotionary worship. We feel sure, therefore, of giving you pleasure, and of your sympathy, when we express our appreciation of the manner in which you have so far as we may be honoured with a share in the Cathedral Service, your good work, 'not to suffer it to fall to the ground, but rather to take it up and to continue it in that state, when, as we have left it, that you should have to leave it is a source of regret to us all, and we feel persuaded, a loss that will be felt by the whole congregation."

Wishing you God speed and a pleasant voyage, we are,

Dear Sir,

Your sincere friends,

[Here follow the Signatures.]

POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE.

31st October.

BEFORE C. MAT, Esq.

DEPOSITION.

Frederick West, a Police constable, was

examined by the Captain Superintendent of Police, with reference to the North German

man-of-war *Hertha*, at Portsmouth, in the year 1868.

Mr. Francis appeared for the defendant, and to object to any proceedings whereby being gone into with regard to the defendant.

Mr. Francis then asked the witness if he was not an officer on English law, although an Act of Extradition from Great

Britain and any foreign country, together with the Queen's Order in Council, may be sufficient to extradite a person from England.

The Act of Parliament of 1852, cap. 26, entitled the Foreign Despatch Act, applies exclusively to merchant

seamen. If there is any act of extradition, an Act in Council applying to the subject, the defendant should produce in evidence by the Council

claiming the defendant.

The Captain Superintendent of Police handed

into Court an opinion given by the Acting Attorney-General in reference to the fact.

Mr. Francis urged that a magistrate could not take cognizance of such opinion, and that the opinion was altogether contrary to existing law.

Defendant was disallowed, the Magistrate holding that he had no jurisdiction to initiate proceedings as specified in the opinion of the Honourable the Acting Attorney-General, there being no Act of Extradition, Order in Council, or Ordinance applicable to the case.

The remaining cases brought forward were all of a trivial nature.

RETURN OF THE "RINALDO" FROM THE WRECK OF THE "MEGERA."

(Singapore Times, Oct. 23rd.)

Her Majesty's ship *Rinaldo* arrived here on Saturday evening, having been sent to St. Paul's Island, and thence to Australia, with a shipwrecked crew from the *Megara*. The *Rinaldo* had a very good passage down, and anchored off St. Paul's, and was driven off by a gale after having communicated with the shore, and was crowded by a dense mass of Chinese, fighting with spears, poles, and stones, and neither life nor property was safe for an instant. The ship was surrounded by a dense mass of Chinese, and all the goods lying on the beach were used as battering rams against the doors of the ship, crushing them in at once, and in three or four minutes they were completely demolished and their fittings demolished. On the 24th, the ship was towed to the wharf, and the plunder was stayed for a time, though the streets were lined by an excited crowd, apparently eager to resume their work of destruction. A portion of the *Sejpa*

was detailed off for services at the Kallang beach, where it was found that the *Sejpa*, which was a small boat, had been committed to assault and robbery, and while they were away, the crowd grew bold enough to attack the police and remaining *Sejpas*, pelting them with stones and bricks, and having no orders, could not fire or charge bayonets on the crowd. After a while, however, they were told to hold their fire, as the crowd seemed to require it. The *Volunteers* were ordered to Rochober after 4.30, and had assembled together, and with a number of *Sejpas*, Chinese, and Native special constables, the force at the D Division was a pretty strong one. Notwithstanding this, they reason continued. No sooner had the party got well past than a place was broken, laid, and aed, and it was usually done so speedily that before any assistance could be given, every one had escaped with his plunder. 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